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Developing Applications with Microsoft Works

Introduction

Developing applications on the Tandy 600 can be a challenge. The primary storage device is RAM-based, and therefore is extremely fragile in the face of run-away code. In addition, the operating system does not have offer an interactive 'DEBUG'-like facility. These factors make application development on the Tandy 600 difficult.

Microsoft Works solves this dilemma by allowing the application developer to create and maintain programs on a MS-DOS based computer. Tools are provided to create application- and ROM-image files. A simulator of the operating system, Hand-Held Operating System (HHOS) allows the developer to test their code prior to installation on the Tandy 600. In conjunction with Microsoft's SYMDEB, interactive 'debugging' may be done from within the simulator.

Requirements

Microsoft Works requires that the developer has the following:

- Microsoft Works Disk (Vendor Development Services Internal Document # VDS-263901-01)
- Microsoft Macro-Assembler (MASM) version 4.0.
- MS-DOS based computer with 512K RAM (not compatible with Tandy 2000).

Developing Applications

In order to develop applications, follow the guidelines set forth in the Tandy 600 Programmer's Reference Guide and BIOS Specifications, pages 111-116. Convert the '.EXE' file created by MASM with the EXECNV utility. The resultant '.HHX' may be then transported to the Tandy 600 through RS-232C connections. 'TELCOM', provided with the Tandy 600, provides XMODEM capabilities. The resultant '.HHX' may also be tested on the HHOS simulator. This involves creating a ROM image file.

Developing ROMS

The Tandy 600 hardware is designed to support a secondary ROM or EEPROM. During boot-up procedure, if the ROM is determined to have been installed, HHOS reads the contents of the ROM, and places the names of the application(s) found therein on the menu bar. The BLDROM utility creates the ROM image in a format acceptable to HHOS. BLDROM determines with applications to place on the ROM image by reading the file DEBUG.GEN. As provided, DEBUG.GEN is set up to create a ROM image file containing overlays of HHOS, Microsoft Word, and the Pop-Up Calculator. To have BLDROM create a ROM image file with your application(s), merely add the names of these to the DEBUG.GEN file. For example:

```
word.!30 word.!30
dump600.hhx dump600.!92
dir600.hhx dir600.!93
```

Note: If you are creating a ROM image file intended to be burned into the secondary ROM, do not have BLDROM copy the HHOS overlays, Word, or the Calculator. These files are present and available in the primary ROM of the Tandy 600.

Using The Simulator

The premise behind the Simulator is to provide an environment similar to HHOS, operating under MS-DOS. To do this, first develop your application with MASM. Convert the '.EXE' file to '.HHX' format. Create a ROM image file, with the operating system overlays, Word, the Calculator, and however many of your applications. Then, type:

```
HHSIM DEBUG.PRM
```

The top portion of the screen clears, and the simulation of the Tandy 600 begins. Note that the simulator does not emulate the BIOS calls for RS-232C. When referencing the Tandy 600's disk drive, the simulator will access drive A:. If you require referencing the Tandy 600's disk drive, use BLDROM to make a ROM image file of the data or programs files found on the disk drive, and copy that file, DEBUG.ROM, to drive A: prior to running the simulator.

The file, DEBUG.PRM, contains parameters about the simulation. The number of rows and columns on the screen can be altered, the name of the ROM image file may be specified, as well as the RAM file. The RAM file has the contents of the directory system. The RAMSIZ variable allows the user to specify the size of the ROM or EEPROM being used.

In running the simulator, note the the F1 key is used as the 'Label' key. Alternate-F10 exits the simulator back to MS-DOS.

Interactive Debugging

In order to use SYMDEB in conjunction with the simulator, first create a '.MAP' file of your application with MASM. MAPSYM converts this file to '.SYM' format. Then, type:

HHDEBUG {name}.SYM

And follow the instructions outlined in the Microsoft Works documentation.

Application Structure Overview

Tandy 600 applications files have a fixed header structure, which is used by HHOS to determine the amount of memory required by the program. Information is in the header to indicate the size of the data region, stack, and code. As designed, all strings, data tables, etc. intended to be in the data segment are contained in the code segment of the application. During load time, HHOS allocates a data segment in memory, and moves these elements away from the code segment. Stack is set up in the data segment; the user specifies where the stack pointer offset will be. So, immediately following the loading of an application, code and data segments may look as follows:

Keep in mind that this situation is changeable by your application following load procedures. You may change memory allocation to fit the application.

Here is a sample header:

```
;       sample header
        dw      5f10h                   ; aplchk
        dw      9000h                   ; amicod
        db      0                       ; ldrid; 8086 native code
        db      'V'                     ; amivis; AMI visible from menu
        db      '.'                     ; amityp; owned files are
                                          AMI's; '-' for data
        db      'WRK'                   ; amiext; extension for AMI
                                          files
        dw      begin                   ; aplip; set IP to origin of
                                          code
        dw      stack                   ; aplsp; set SP to top of stack
                                          area in AMI
        dw      cs_length               ; aplsiz; size of code segment
        dw      data_start              ; datpos; beginning data area
                                          WITHIN CS segment
        dw      data_final              ; datloc; beginning data WITHIN
                                          AMI; to be...
        dw      data_length             ; datlen; ...moved from CS
                                          segment, for length of data
```

The Data Segment, referred to as an AMI, is an actual data file created by the application. The file is named 'WORK.', with the extension indicated by the 'AMIEXT' field in the header. It is extremely important to assign unique extensions for your applications. HHOS determines ownership of files from the extension when displaying the menu bar.

If your AMI file exists the subsequent time your application is run, the previous values within the AMI are maintained. That is, the previous contents of your data and stack segment are intact. This is important to note, as HHOS is designed to allow the user to leave an application for another, and return back to the original intact (e.g., the Pop-Up Calculator).

What controls whether your AMI file is still resident as file is how you exit from your application. Should you wish to exit the application with AMI intact, your code segment should read:

```
        mov     al,0                    ; exit application with AMI
                                          intact
        mov     ah,Exit                 ; ah = HHOS function code to
                                          exit
        int     42h                     ; call HHOS
```

In order to have the AMI killed on exit, change the first line to read:

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        mov     al,-1                   ; exit application, killing AMI
```

When exiting your application to call another (say, the Pop-Up Calculator), use the first method shown above. To exit your application back to the menu bar, use the second.

When writing your application, it is important to note that at any time, the user may press a function key to either exit your application, or call up another. The keyboard routines must be designed to check for the proper scan codes, and act upon them immediately. The sample programs shown below illustrate how to go about this.

Sample Programs

The two sample programs illustrate programming style and structure for the Tandy 600. The first demonstrates how to re-use the AMI file: when the application is running, it prompts the user for a string of characters. When run again, the original string entered is displayed. The AMI file is then killed.

The second program illustrates keyboard scanning techniques, as well as file management. These programs demonstrate different ways to handle data placement in the code segment.

M600F.ASM

```
        page    50,132
        title   Sample Tandy 600 Program

;       Sample program prompts the user to type information
;       (ConStringInput emulated). Text is displayed back to the
;       screen, system date and time are displayed. If AMI present
;       from last time, the previous contents are displayed first. Also
;       note the keyboard handler that takes care of user forking off
;       to the pop-up calculator, etc.
;       os_redraw: We'd have to buffer what is on screen at fork-time,
;       to restore previous contents on exit. Not attempted, but working
;       at the LCD level looks the path to follow...
;
;       Written 4-10-86. (M600F.ASM)


;       HHOS Functions

GetTime             equ     2ch                 ; get system time
GetDate             equ     2ah                 ; get system date
ConStringOutput     equ     09h                 ; display string to console
Exit                equ     4ch                 ; exit to dos
GetChar             equ     08h                 ; get char from keyboard w/o echo
PutChar             equ     02h                 ; write char to screen

;       LCD Text Interrupt Functions

ClearScreen         equ     01h                 ; clear screen on lcd
GetCursor           equ     03h                 ; get cursor position
SetCursor           equ     02h                 ; set cursor position

DosInt  macro   function
        mov     ah,function                     ; ah = function number
        int     42h                             ; go call dos
        endm

LcdInt  macro   function
        mov     ah,function                     ; ah = function number
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        int     51h                     ; call BIOS
        endm

code        SEGMENT public 'CODE
            ASSUME cs:code,ds:code

;       This is the program header
begin:
            dw      5f10h               ; application check
            dw      9004h               ; our application as co
            db      0                   ; 8086 native code
            db      'V'                 ; app is always visible
            db      ','                 ; owned files are AMIs
            db      'M6F'               ; extension (MUST B  NIQUE!)
            dw      start               ; beginning of IP
            dw      0100h               ; place to put SP   AM.
            dw      aplsiz              ; size of application
            dw      begin_of_data       ; beginning of data
            dw      0102h               ; place to keep data
            dw      data_length         ; length of data area

start:
            LcdInt  ClearScreen         ; clear the screen

resume:
            mov     [cod],cs            ; save code segment
            mov     [dod],ds            ; save data segment
            mov     [eod],es            ; save extra segment
            mov     [sod],ss            ; save stack segment
            mov     ax,sp               ; stack stack offset
            mov     [spd],ax            ; save stack offset

;       figure out where things are in memory

            mov     ax,[cod]            ; get code segment
            mov     si,offset cod$      ; si -> place to keep answer
            call    bin_hex             ; convert binary to ascii hex
            mov     ax,[dod]            ; get data segment
            mov     si,offset dod$      ; si -> place to put answer
            call    bin_hex             ; convert binary to ascii hex
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        mov     ax,[eod]                ; get extra segment
        mov     si,offset eod$          ; si -> place to put answer
        call    bin_hex                 ; do conversion
        mov     ax,[sod]                ; get stack segment
        mov     si,offset sod$          ; si -> answer
        call    bin_hex                 ; do conversion
        mov     ax,[spd]                ; get stack offset
        mov     si,offset spd$          ; si -> answer
        call    bin_hex                 ; do conversion

        mov     dx,offset seg$          ; post answer to screen
        DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; thusly

;       post a "howdy" to the screen

        mov     dx,offset hello$        ; ds:dx -> "hello"
        DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; out to screen we go

;       prompt users to type something in

        mov     si,offset buffer$       ; ds:si -> user buffer
        call    ConStringInput          ; await keyboard entry

;       post a report to the users

        push    si                      ; save this for a minute
        mov     dx,offset report$       ; display header information
        DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; post to screen

;       prepare to display user's input to screen

        pop     dx                      ; get offset back
        inc     dx                      ; jump over OUR length byte
        mov     si,dx                   ; move that into si
        inc     dx                      ; jump over THEIR length byte
        mov     bl,byte ptr [si]        ; get length of entered buffer
        xor     bh,bh                   ; clean this up
        mov     byte ptr [si+bx+1],'$'  ; stash an end-of-string
        DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; and display string
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```
;       get system date

        DosInt  GetDate                 ; get system date

        mov     si,offset date$         ; si -> ascii buffer for date
        mov     al,dh                   ; convert month first
        call    convert_single          ; convert 2-digit ascii
        mov     al,dl                   ; convert day next
        call    convert_single          ; convert 2-digit ascii
        call    convert_double          ; convert year in cx, 4-digit asci

;       get system time

        DosInt  GetTime                 ; get system time

        mov     si,offset time$         ; si -> ascii buffer for time
        mov     al,ch                   ; handle hour
        call    convert_single          ; do conversion
        mov     al,cl                   ; handle minutes
        call    convert_single          ; do conversion
        mov     al,dh                   ; handle seconds
        call    convert_single          ; do conversion
        mov     al,dl                   ; handle hundreds of seconds
        call    convert_single          ; do conversion

;       post answer to screen

        mov     dx,offset system_time$  ; dx -> the time is
        DosInt  CarStringOutput         ; send to screen

;       await keystroke and exit

        DosInt  GetChar                 ; await character
        mov     al,0                    ; no error; but allow resumption
exit_addr       equ     $-1
        DosInt  Exit                    ; exit to DOS

;       we get here from second invokation

        mov     al,-1                   ; post a minus one
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        mov     byte ptr cs:[exit_ality],al     ; save into exit routine

        LcdInt  ClearScreen                     ; clear screen
        mov     dx,offset second_time$          ; ds:dx -> second time around
        DosInt  ConStringOutput                 ; post that
        mov     dx,offset report$               ;
        DosInt  ConStringOutput                 ;
        mov     dx,offset buffer$+2             ;
        DosInt  ConStringOutput                 ; out it goes!
        jmp     resume                          ; resume code

;       Convert binary to decimal ascii

convert_single:
        push    ax                              ; save registers
        push    bx                              ;
        push    cx                              ;
        push    dx                              ;

        xor     ah,ah                           ; clean out msb
        jmp     convert_short                   ; do short conversion

convert_double:
        push    ax                              ; save registers
        push    bx                              ;
        push    cx                              ;
        push    dx                              ;

        xchg    ax,cx                           ; swap cx with ax

        mov     cx,1000                         ; see if we've any thousands
        call    decimal_ascii                   ; go call procedure
        mov     cx,100                          ; see if we've any hundreds
        call    decimal_ascii                   ; go call procedure
convert_short:
        mov     cx,10                           ; see if we've any tens
        call    decimal_ascii                   ; go call procedure
        mov     cx,1                            ; see if we've any ones
        call    decimal_ascii                   ; go do it
        inc     si                              ; skip over
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        pop     dx                      ; restore registers
        pop     cx                      ;
        pop     bx                      ;
        pop     ax                      ;
        ret                             ; to caller

;       do the actual base-of-ten determination

decimal_ascii:
        xor     bl,bl                   ; clean register
aloop:
        sub     ax,cx                   ; see if cx is in ax
        jc      add_it                  ; branch out if negative
        inc     bl                      ; bump counter
        jmp     aloop                   ; go do again
add_it:
        add     ax,cx                   ; restore the one too far
        add     bl,30h                  ; make it ascii
        mov     byte ptr [si],bl        ; stuff answer it
        inc     si                      ; bump pointer
        ret                             ; to caller

;       buffered keyboard entry

ConStringInput:
        push    si                      ; save for a spell
        mov     cl,byte ptr [si]        ; get legimate count
        mov     ch,0                    ; this is counter
        inc     si                      ; bump si to point to result$
        push    si                      ; save for a spell
ConLoop:
        DosInt  GetChar                 ; get a character
        cmp     ax,6700h                ; do we have a <quit>?
        jz      os_quit                 ; yes; get out
        cmp     ax,5e00h                ; do we have a control-f1?
        jz      os_suspend              ; yes, get out
        cmp     ax,0c100h               ; do we have a <suspend>?
        jz      os_suspend              ; yes, get out
        cmp     ax,0c200h               ; do we have a <redraw>?
        jz      os_redraw               ; yes, get out
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        cmp     al,13                   ; is it a carriage return?
        jz      ConExit                 ; yes, so exit routine
        cmp     al,8                    ; is it a backspace?
        jz      ConBack                 ; yes, so handle
        cmp     cl,0                    ; is cx = 0?
        jz      ConFull                 ; yes, so handle
        mov     dl,al                   ; move character into dl
        DosInt  PutChar                 ; post to screen
        inc     si                      ; increment pointer
        mov     byte ptr [si],al        ; save character
        dec     cl                      ; decrement cl
        inc     ch                      ; and increment bl
        jmp     ConLoop                 ; go and do it again
ConBack:
        cmp     ch,0                    ; have we backspaced all way
        jz      ConFull                 ; yes, so beep user
        LcdInt  GetCursor               ; get cursor position
        dec     dh                      ; move back column
        push    dx                      ; save position
        LcdInt  SetCursor               ; set cursor pos
        mov     dl,' '                  ; display a space
        DosInt  PutChar                 ; post a character
        pop     dx                      ; get cusor pos back
        LcdInt  SetCursor               ; set cursor pos
        dec     si                      ; bump pointer back
        inc     cl                      ; increment cl
        dec     ch                      ; dec ch
        jmp     ConLoop                 ; go do again
ConFull:
        mov     dl,7                    ; beep
        DosInt  PutChar                 ; post to screen
        jmp     ConLoop                 ; go do again
ConExit:
        pop     si                      ; get back old ptr
        mov     byte ptr [si],ch        ; save character count
        pop     si                      ; get original ptr
        ret                             ; to caller

os_suspend:
        mov     al,0                    ; exit w/ return
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        mov     byte ptr cs:[qwab],al   ; stash into in-line code
os_quit:
        pop     si                      ; fix stack
        pop     si                      ;
        pop     ax                      ;
        mov     al,-1                   ; completely exit
qwab    equ     $-1
        DosInt  Exit                    ; 'bye

        jmp     start                   ; do again

os_redraw:
        pop     si                      ; clean stack
        pop     si                      ;
        pop     ax                      ;
        LcdInt  ClearScreen             ; clean the screen
        mov     dx,offset back_again$   ; dx -> string
        DosInt  ConStringOutput         ;
        jmp     resume                  ; go do again

;       binary-to-ascii hex converter

bin_hex:
        mov     cx,4                    ; do this four times
bin_loop:
        push    cx                      ; we'll be using this later
        mov     bl,ah                   ; move msb into bl
        and     bl,11110000b            ; strip off ls bits
        mov     cl,4                    ; spin around 4 bits
        ror     bl,cl                   ; spin bits back
        add     bl,'0'                  ; add ascii '0' to resultant
        cmp     bl,'9'+1                ; see if 'A'..'F'
        jc      bin_post                ; if carry, let through
        add     bl,7                    ; else, add 7 to make 'A'..'F'
bin_post:
        mov     byte ptr [si],bl        ; save our character
        mov     cl,4                    ; spin four bytes
        rol     ax,cl                   ; spin ax around
        inc     si                      ; bump si to next spot
        pop     cx                      ; get counter back
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        loop    bin_loop                ; go do again
        ret                             ; to caller

;       strings and things
;       DS that gets moved into ami

begin_of_data   equ     $
offset_data     equ     102h

cod             equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                dw      0               ; code segment
dod             equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                dw      0               ; data segment
eod             equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                dw      0               ; extra segment
sod             equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                dw      0               ; stack segment
spd             equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                dw      0               ; stack offset

hello$          equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      'This is a sample program. Type something'
                db      13,10,'$'
back_again$     equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      'This is a <Re-Draw> Request',13,10,'$'
second_time$    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      'This is the second time around!!',13,10
                db      'The last time around, you typed:',13,10,'$'
buffer$         equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      20
                db      0
                db      21 dup(?)
report$         equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      13,10,'You have typed:',13,10,'$'
system_time$    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      13,10,'System Date is: '
date$           equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      '00-00-0000; Time is: '
time$           equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                db      '00:00:00.00',13,10
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                        db      'Press a Key to Exit','$'
seg$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      13,10,'CS has '
cod$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      '0000. DS has '
dod$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      '0000. ES has '
eod$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      '0000. SS has '
sod$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      '0000. SP has '
spd$                    equ     $-begin_of_data+offset_data
                        db      '0000.',13,10,'$'
end_of_data             equ     $
end_of_world            equ     $
aplsiz                  equ     end_of_world-begin
data_length             equ     end_of_data-begin_of_data
code    ends
        end     start
```

DIR600.ASM

```
        page    55,132
        title   'Dir 600 - Sample Directory display program'
;
;       Dir 600 - program that reads the directory for specified
;                 wildcard.
;
;       Version 1.0, 7-15-86
;
cr              equ     0dh             ; carriage return
lf              equ     0ah             ; line feed

;       DOS Function equates

PutChar         equ     02h             ; write char to screen
GetChar         equ     08h             ; get char from keyboard w/o echo
ConStringOutput equ     09h             ; display string to console
Exit            equ     4ch             ; exit to DOS
FindFirst       equ     4eh             ; find first matching file
FindNext        equ     4fh             ; find next matching file

;       LCD Text Interrupt Functions

ClearScreen     equ     01h             ; clear screen on lcd
SetCursor       equ     02h             ; set cursor position
GetCursor       equ     03h             ; get cursor position

DosInt  macro   function
        mov     ah,function             ; ah = function number
        int     42h                     ; go call dos
        endm

LcdInt  macro   function
        mov     ah,function             ; ah = function number
        int     51h                     ; call BIOS
        endm

Code        SEGMENT public 'CODE'
            ASSUME cs:code,ds:code
```

```
;       This is the program header
begin:
        dw      5f10h                   ; application check
        dw      9007h                   ; our application has code 9007h
        db      0                       ; 8086 native code
        db      'V'                     ; app is always visible
        db      ' '                     ; owned files are AMIs
        db      'DIR'                   ; extension (must be unique!!)
        dw      start                   ; beginning of IP
        dw      Data_Length+0100h       ; place to put SP in AM!
        dw      aplsiz                  ; size of application
        dw      Begin_Of_Data           ; beginning of data
        dw      Begin_Of_Data           ; place to keep data
        dw      Data_Length             ; length of data area

dump            proc    far

;       data area

Begin_Of_Data   equ     $                       ;beginning of data area

                db      12,0
FileSpec$       db      13 dup (?)

Hello$          db      'Dir 600 - Tandy 600 Directory Test Suite.',cr,lf
                db      '7-15-86; Version 01.00.',cr,lf
                db      cr,lf,'Enter File to List: $'

End_Road$       db      'Press ANY Key to Exit'
Cr_Lf$          db      cr,lf,'$'

Report$         db      'Files Matching Wildcard:',cr,lf,'$'

;       error messages

Dir_Error$      db      cr,lf,'Dir 600: Error in DIR command',cr,lf,'$'

Data_Length     equ     $-Begin_Of_Data         ; length of data area
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        beginning of code area

Start:
                LcdInt  ClearScreen                     ; clear the screen

                mov     dx,offset Hello$                ;
                DosInt  ConStringOutput                 ; post a hello message to
screen

                mov     si,offset FileSpec$-2           ; ds:si -> ASCIIZ filename
                call    ConStringInput                  ; do the read
                mov     al,byte ptr [si+1]              ; zero read?
                or      al,al                           ; (they only pressed ENTER)
                jz      Start                           ; if so, try again

                inc     si                              ; bump counter
                inc     si                              ; up 2
                xor     ah,ah                           ; clean off msb
                add     ax,si                           ; ax = offset end of string
                mov     si,ax                           ; move resultant into si
                mov     byte ptr [si],0h                ; make ASCIIZ

                mov     cx,66h                          ; look for all files
                mov     dx,offset FileSpec$             ; ds:dx -> file mask
                DosInt  FindFirst                       ; do first scan
                jc      Error                           ; if carry, error

                LcdInt  ClearScreen                     ; clear the screen
                push    dx                              ; for a minute
                mov     dx,offset Report$               ; dx -> header
                DosInt  ConStringOutput                 ; post that
                pop     dx                              ; restore dx
Display_Find:
                mov     ax,9                            ; lets add offset 9
                add     ax,dx                           ; to the brew
                mov     si,ax                           ; move that to si
                push    ds                              ; save ds for a while
                push    cx                              ; save our segment
                pop     ds                              ; into cs
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                mov     cx,21                   ; attempt to read max 21
bytes
Post_Loop:
                mov     al,byte ptr [si]        ; grab the byte
                or      al,al                   ; is it a zero?
                jz      Post_Out                ; yes, so boogie
                mov     dl,a'                   ; move char to dl
                DosInt  PutChar                 ; post char
                inc     si                      ; si -> next char
                loop    Post_Loop               ; go through again
Post_Out:
                pop     ds                      ; restore ds
                mov     dx,offset Cr_Lf$        ; newline
                DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; post to screen
                DosInt  FindNext                ; go find the next file
                jnc     Display_Find            ; and post it
                cmp     ax,2                    ; see if we've an error
                jz      Clean_Exit              ; (besides "out of files")

;       handle error in directory

Error:
                mov     dx,offset Dir_Error$    ; dx -> error
                DosInt  ConStringOutput         ; post it

Clean_Exit:
                mov     dx,offset End_Road$     ; display "goodbye"
                DosInt  ConStringOutput         ;
                call    Getc                    ; wait for a character

                mov     al,-1                   ; exit w/o return
                DosInt  Exit                    ; go home
dump            endp

ConStringInput  proc    near
                push    si                      ; save for a spell
                mov     cl,byte ptr [si]        ; get legimate count
                mov     ch,0                    ; this is counter
                inc     si                      ; bump si to point to
result$
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                push    si                      ; save for a spell
ConLoop:
                call    Getc                    ; get a character
                cmp     al,13                   ; is it a carriage return?
                jz      ConExit                 ; yes, so exit routine
                cmp     al,8                    ; is it a backspace?
                jz      ConBack                 ; yes, so handle
                cmp     cl,0                    ; is cx = 0?
                jz      ConFull                 ; yes, so handle
                mov     dl,al                   ; move character into dl
                DosInt  PutChar                 ; post to screen
                inc     si                      ; increment pointer
                mov     byte ptr [si],al        ; save character
                dec     cl                      ; decrement cl
                inc     ch                      ; and increment bl
                jmp     ConLoop                 ; go and do it again
ConBack:
                cmp     ch,0                    ; have we backspaced all
way
                jz      ConFull                 ; yes, so beep user
                LcdInt  GetCursor               ; get cursor position
                dec     dh                      ; move back column
                push    dx                      ; save position
                LcdInt  SetCursor               ; set cursor pos
                mov     dl,' '                  ; display a space
                DosInt  PutChar                 ; post a character
                pop     dx                      ; get cusor pos back
                LcdInt  SetCursor               ; set cursor pos
                dec     si                      ; bump pointer back
                inc     cl                      ; increment cl
                dec     ch                      ; dec ch
                jmp     ConLoop                 ; go do again
ConFull:
                mov     dl,7                    ; beep
                DosInt  PutChar                 ; post to screen
                jmp     ConLoop                 ; go do again
ConExit:
                pop     si                      ; get back old ptr
                mov     byte ptr [si],ch        ; save character count
                pop     si                      ; get original ptr
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                ret                             ; to caller
ConStringInput  endp

Getc            proc near
                DosInt  GetChar                 ; get a character
                cmp     ax,6700h                ; do we have a <quit>?
                jz      os_quit                 ; yes; get out
                cmp     ax,5e00h                ; do we have a control-f1?
                jz      os_suspend              ; yes, get out
                cmp     ax,0c100h               ; do we have a <suspend>?
                jz      os_suspend              ; yes, get out
                cmp     ax,0c200h               ; do we have a <redraw>?
                jz      os_redraw               ; yes, get out
                ret                             ; else return

os_suspend:
                mov     al,0                    ; exit w/ return clause
                jmp     os_out                  ; get out of Dodge
os_quit:
                mov     al,-1                   ; exit w/o return
os_out:
                DosInt  Exit                    ; 'bye
os_redraw:
                ret                             ; null routine...
Getc            endp

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Code            ends

                end     Dump
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